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Mr. Roger Tambling General Manager Valmont Coatings, Inc. – Empire Galvanizing 10909 Franklin Avenue Franklin Park, Illinois 60131

Re: Notice of Violation

Compliance Evaluation Inspection EPA ID No.: ILD 070 012 265

Dear Mr. Tambling:

On February 11, 2015 a representative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency inspected the Valmont Coatings, Inc. – Empire Galvanizing (Valmont Coatings) facility located in Franklin Park, Illinois. As a large quantity generator of hazardous waste, Valmont Coatings is subject to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 *et seq.* (RCRA). The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate Valmont Coatings' compliance with certain provisions of RCRA and its implementing regulations related to the generation, treatment and storage of hazardous waste. A copy of the inspection report is enclosed for your reference.

Based on information provided by Valmont Coatings, EPA's review of records pertaining to Valmont Coatings, and the inspector's observations, EPA has determined that Valmont Coatings has unlawfully stored hazardous waste without a permit or interim status as a result of Valmont Coatings' failure to comply with certain conditions for a permit exemption under Ill. Admin. Code tit. 35 § 722.134(a)-(c) [40 C.F.R. § 262.34(a)-(c)]. EPA has identified the permit exemption conditions with which Valmont Coating was out of compliance at the time of the inspection in paragraphs 1-3, below.

Many of the conditions for a RCRA permit exemption are also independent requirements that apply to permitted and interim status hazardous waste management facilities that treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste (TSD requirements). When a hazardous waste generator loses its permit exemption due to a failure to comply with an exemption condition incorporated from Ill. Admin. Code tit. 35 Part 725, the generator: (a) becomes an operator of a hazardous waste storage facility; and (b) simultaneously violates the corresponding TSD requirement. The

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exemption condition identified in paragraph 1 is also an independent TSD requirement incorporated from Ill. Admin. Code tit. 35 Part 725. Accordingly, each failure of Valmont Coatings to comply with these conditions is also a violation of the corresponding requirement in Ill. Admin. Code tit. 35 Part 725 [40 C.F.R. Part 265] (if the facility should have fully complied with the requirements for interim status), or Ill. Admin. Code tit. 35 Part 724 [40 C.F.R. Part 264] (if the facility should have been permitted).

STORAGE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE WITHOUT A PERMIT OR INTERIM STATUS AND VIOLATIONS OF TSD REQUIREMENTS

At the time of the inspection, Valmont Coatings was out of compliance with the following large quantity generator permit exemption conditions:

The permit exemption conditions identified below in paragraph 1 is also independent TSD requirements violated by Valmont Coatings:

Training

1. A large quantity generator of hazardous waste must have a program of classroom instruction or on-the-job training that teaches facility personnel to perform their duties in a way that ensures the facility's compliance with requirements of RCRA. This program must be directed by a person trained in hazardous waste management procedures, and must include instruction that teaches facility personnel hazardous waste management procedures (including contingency plan implementation) relevant to the positions in which they are employed. *See* III. Admin. Code tit. 35 §§ 722.134(a) (4) and 725.116(a) [40 C.F.R. §§ 262.34(a) (4) and 265.16(a)]. Facility personnel must successfully complete this training program within six months after the date of their employment or assignment to a facility or to a new position at a facility, and must take part in an annual review of this initial training thereafter. *See* III. Admin. Code tit. 35 §§ 722.134(a) (4) and 725.116(b) and (c) [40 C.F.R. §§ 262.34(a) (4) and 265.16(b) and (c)].

With respect to this training program, a large quantity generator must maintain the following documents and records at its facility:

- 1) The job title for each position at the facility related to hazardous waste management and the name of the employee filling each job;
- 2) A written job description for each position at the facility related to hazardous waste management;

- 3) A written description of the type and amount of both introductory and continuing training that will be given to each person filling a position at the facility related to hazardous waste management; and
- 4) Records that document that the training or job experience described above has been given to and completed by facility personnel. *See* Ill. Admin. Code tit. 35 §§ 722.134(a) (4) and 725.116(d) [40 C.F.R. §§ 262.34(a) (4) and 265.16(d)].

At the time of the inspection, Valmont Coatings did not have and was unable to provide job titles for each position at the facility related to hazardous waste management.

At the time of the inspection, Valmont Coatings did not have a written job description for each position at the facility related to hazardous waste management.

At the time of the inspection, Valmont Coatings did not have and was unable to provide in response to a request a written description of the type and amount of introductory and continuing training given to employees with duties related to hazardous waste management.

At the time of the inspection, Valmont Coatings did not have and was unable to provide in response to a request a written description of the type and amount of introductory and continuing training given to employees with duties related to hazardous waste management at the facility.

Contingency Plan

2. In order to avoid the need for a hazardous waste storage permit, a large quantity generator must submit a copy of its contingency plan and revisions to the plan to the local police department, fire department, hospital and state and local emergency response teams that may be called upon to provide emergency services. See, 35 IAC §§ 722.134(a) (4) and 725.153(b) [40 CFR §§ 262.34(a) (4) and 265.53(b)].

At the time of the inspection, Valmont Coatings had not submitted a copy of the facility contingency plan and revisions to the plan to the local police department and hospital that may be called upon to provide emergency services.

Use and Management of Containers

3. A large quantity generator who accumulates greater than 55-gallons of hazardous waste at or near any point of generation must clearly label the containers with an accumulation start date and, within three days, move the containers to the hazardous waste storage area. See, 35 IAC 722.134 (c) [40 CFR § 262.34(c)(2)].

At the time of the inspection, Valmont Coatings was accumulating greater than 55-gallons of acid sludge waste in containers that were not marked with the accumulation start date at the galvanizing (pickle) line. However, at the time of the inspection, Valmont Coatings marked one of the 55-gallon containers of acid tank sludge with an accumulation start date and moved the container to the 90-day hazardous waste storage area.

Summary: By failing to comply with the conditions for a permit exemption, above, Valmont Coatings became an operator of a hazardous waste storage facility, and was required to obtain an Illinois hazardous waste storage permit. Valmont Coatings failed to apply for such a permit. Valmont Coatings' failure to apply for and obtain a hazardous waste storage permit violated the requirements of Ill. Admin. Code tit. 35 §§ 703.121(a) and (b); 703.180(c); and 705.121(a) [40 C.F.R. §§ 270.1(c), and 270.10(a) and (d)].

At this time, EPA is not requiring Valmont Coatings to apply for an Illinois hazardous waste storage permit so long as it immediately establishes compliance with the conditions for a permit exemption outlined in paragraphs 1 and 2, above.

During the inspection, as observed by EPA, you took certain actions to establish compliance with the use and management of containers requirement. According to Section 3008(a) of RCRA, EPA may issue an order assessing a civil penalty for any past or current violation, requiring compliance immediately or within a specified time period, or both. Although this letter is not such an order or a request for information under Section 3007 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6927, we request that you submit a response in writing to us no later than 30 days after receipt of this letter documenting the actions, if any, you have taken related to paragraphs 1 and 2. You should submit your response to Sheila Burrus, U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, LR-8J, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Sheila Burrus, of my staff, at 312-886-3587 or at *burrus.sheila@epa.gov*.

Sincerely,

Gary J. Victorine, Chief RCRA Branch

Enclosure

Todd Marvel, Illinois EPA, (todd.marvel@illinois.gov) cc:

Valmont Contings, INC.

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Regulation	RCRA GENERATOR INSPECTION CHECKLIST (PART 722)				
	PART 722: STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO GENERATORS OF HAZARDOUS WASTE (>1000 KG/MO.)				
	SUBPART A: GENERAL				
722.111	Section 722.111 Hazardous Waste Determination Has the generator correctly determined if the solid waste(s) it generates is a hazardous waste?				
	Yes \ No \ N/A \ Have hazardous wastes been identified for purposes of compliance with Part 728? Yes \ No \ N/A \	722.111			
808.121(a)	Has the generator correctly determined if the solid waste(s) it generates is a special waste? Yes / No N/A				
722.112(a)	Section 722.112 USEPA Identification Numbers Has the generator obtained a USEPA identification number?	808.121(a)			
, , _ , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Yes No N/A	722.112(a)			
722.112(c)	Has the generator offered its hazardous waste only to transporters or to treatment, storage or disposal facilities that have a USEPA identification number? Yes No N/A	722.112(c)			
	SUBPART B: THE MANIFEST	722.112(0)			
722.120(a)	Section 722.120 General Requirements Does the facility manifest its waste off-site?				
	Yes No N/A	-			
722.120(b)	Does the manifest designate a facility permitted to handle the waste? Yes No N/A	722.120(a)			
722.120(d)	Has the generator shipped any waste that could not be delivered to the designated facility? Yes NoN/A	722.120(b)			
	Section 722.121 Acquisition of Manifests Has the generator used:	722.120(d)			
722.121(a)	- an Illinois manifest for wastes designated to a facility within Illinois?	***************************************			
722.121(b)	Yes No N/A - a manifest from the State to which the manifest is designated?	722.121(a)			
722.121(0)	Yes _ '\ _ No N/A - an Illinois manifest if the State to which the waste is designated has no manifest of its own?				
	Yes V No N/A	722.121(b)			
	Section 722.122 Number of Copies Does the manifest consist of at least 6 copies?				
722,122	Yes No N/A	722.122			
722.123(a)	Section 722.123 Use of the Manifest For each manifest reviewed, has the generator:				
	- signed the certificate by hand? Yes V No N/A				
	- obtained the handwritten signature and the date of acceptance by the initial transporter?	722.123(a)			
	Yes √ No N/A N/A retained one copy as required by Section 722.140(a)?				
	Yes No N/A				
722.123(b)	- has the generator apparently given the remaining copies to the transporter? Yes No N/A	722.123(b)			
722.123(e)	- has the generator followed the procedures prescribed in Section 722.123 for manifesting bulk shipments of hazardous waste by rail or water?				
	Yes No N/A	722,123(c)			
		722.123(C)			
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	SUBPART C: PRE-TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS				
	Is there any hazardous waste ready for transport off-site?				
722.130	Yes No N/A	722.130			
	If so, is the generator complying with the pre-transport requirements in Subpart C? Yes No N/A				
(700 124(-))	Section 722.134 Accumulation Time Has the generator complied with the following requirements:				
(722.134(a))	Yes No N/A				
(722.134(a)(1))	A) For waste in containers, has the generator complied with the requirements of Part 725, Subpart I, AA, BB, and CC?				
,	and CC? Yes No N/A				
	and/or				
	B) For waste in tanks, has the generator complied with the requirements of Part 725, Subpart J, AA, BB, and CC (except Sections 725.297(c) and 725.300)?				
	Yes No N/A				
	and/or C) For waste on drip pads, has the generator complied with the requirements of Part 725, Subpart W and	w .			
	maintained the required records identified in this subsection?				
	Yes No N/AV and/or				
	D) For waste in containment buildings, has the generator complied with Part 725, Subpart DD and				
	maintained the required records identified in this subsection? Yes No N/A				
(722 124(-)(2))	For waste in containers, has the generator marked and made visible for inspection on each container, the date				
(722.134(a)(2))	upon which accumulation began? Yes No N/A				
	For waste in containers and tanks, has the generator marked or labeled each with the words "Hazardous				
(722,134(a)(3))	Waste"?				
	Yes No N/A				
(722.134(a)(4))	Has the generator complied with the requirements of Part 725, Subparts C and D, and Sections 725.116 and				
	728.107(a)(4)? Yes \(\sqrt{No} \) No \(\sqrt{N/A} \)				
	Y NO NA				
	Specifically, the requirements of items 1 and/or 4 above (listed by regulation) which need to be complied with				
	are as follows:				
	Does the facility accumulate hazardous waste in containers? Yes \ No N/A				
	Yes No No N/A If "No", go to Subpart J.				
	SUBPART I: USE AND MANAGEMENT OF CONTAINERS				
***	Has the generator closed an accumulation area?	725.211			
(725.211)	Yes No V N/A If "Yes", was the accumulation area closed in accordance with Sections 725.211 and 725.214?	725.214			
(725.214)	Yes No N/A	, 20.2			
(725.271)					
(123.211)	If the containers have leaked or are in poor condition, has the owner/operator transferred the hazardous waste to a suitable container?				
	Yes No N/A	-			
(725.272)	Is the waste compatible with the container and/or liner?				
	Yes_\varphi No N/A				
(725.273(a))	Are containers of hazardous waste always closed except to remove or add waste during accumulation?				
	Yes No N/A				
(725.273(b))	Are containers of hazardous waste being opened, handled or stored in a manner which will prevent the rupture				
	of the container or prevent it from leaking? Yes No N/A N/A				
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(725.274)	Is the owner/operator inspecting the accumulation area(s) at least weekly, looking for leaks or deterioration?				
	Yes No N/A				
	Yes No N/A				
(725.276)	Are containers holding ignitable or reactive wastes located at least 15 meters (50 feet) from the facility's property line?				
	Yes No N/A_ √/ Note: See Section 725.117(a) for additional requirements for ignitable, reactive or incompatible wastes.				
(725.277)	Is the owner/operator complying with the requirements concerning incompatible wastes?				
	Yes No N/A COMMENTS:				
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(725.278)	Section 725.278 Air Emission Standards Is the owner or operator managing all hazardous waste placed in containers in accordance with Subparts AA, BB and CC of Part 725?				
	Yes No N/A				
	Comments:				
	Does the generator accumulate and/or treat hazardous waste in tanks?				
	Note: If "No", go to Subpart C.				
	SUBPART J: TANK SYSTEMS				
	Has the generator closed an accumulation area? YesNoN/A	725.211			
(725.211)	If "Yes", was the accumulation area closed in accordance with Sections 725.211 and 725.214? YesNoN/A	725.214			
(725.214)					
(725.290)	Does the facility accumulate or treat hazardous waste in tanks? Yes No N/A				
	Note: A generator may treat hazardous waste in a tank for less than 90 days without a RCRA permit.				
	If "No", skip Subpart J.				
	a) Tank systems that are used to accumulate or treat hazardous waste which contains no free liquids (using the Paint Filter Liquids Test) and that are situated inside a building with an impermeable floor are exempted from the requirements in Section 725.293.				
	b) Tank systems, including sumps, that serve as part of a secondary containment system to collect or contain releases of hazardous wastes are exempted from the requirements in Section 725.293(a).				
	c) Tanks, sumps and other collection devices used in conjunction with drip pads (as defined in Section 720.110) and regulated under Subpart W, must meet the requirements of this Subpart.				

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(725.291(a))	For tanks existing prior to July 14, 1986 (see definition of tank system under 720.110) and not protected by a secondary containment system, has a written assessment been reviewed and certified by an IRPE(*) in accordance with Section 702.126(d) by January 12, 1988 [except as provided in Section 725.291(c)]? Yes No N/A				
(725.291(b))	Does this assessment consider at least the following: 1) design standards for the tank and ancillary equipment? Yes No N/A 2) hazardous characteristics of the wastes? Yes No N/A 3) existing corrosion protection measures? Yes No N/A 4) documented age of the tank system? Yes No N/A *IRPE = Independent Registered Professional Engineer				
(725.291(c))	Has a tank system assessment been performed within 12 months after the materials in the tank become a hazardous waste? Yes No N/A Note: If an assessment indicates a tank system is leaking or unfit for use, the owner/operator must comply with the requirements of Section 725.291(b)(5).				
(725.292(a))	For new tanks (see definition of new tanks under Section 720.110) whose installation commenced after 07/14/86, has a written assessment been reviewed and certified by an IRPE in accordance with Section 702.126(d) prior to operation of the tank system? Yes				
(725.292(g))	Has the owner/operator obtained and kept on file at the facility the written statements, including the certification statements [as required in Section 702.126(d)] of the design and installation requirements of Subsections (b) through (f)? YesNoN/A				

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(725.293(a))	Is secondary containment provided for any new tank system before being put into service?				
	Yes No N/A Does an existing tank, used to accumulate F020, F021, F022, F023, F026 or F027 waste(s), have secondary containment by 1/12/89?				
	Yes No N/A				
	For an existing tank of documentable age, is secondary containment provided by 1/12/89 or when the tank is 15 years old, whichever is later?				
	Yes No N/A				
	For an existing tank of undocumentable age, has secondary containment been provided by 1/12/95? Yes No N/A				
	or if the facility is older than 7 years, by the time the facility reaches 15 years of age or 1/12/89, whichever is later?				
	Yes No N/A				
	For tanks that accumulate wastes that become hazardous after 1/12/87, has secondary containment been provided within the time intervals required in Subsections (a)(1) through (a)(4) substituting the date that a material becomes a hazardous waste for 1/12/87?				
	Yes No N/A				
(725.293(b))	Is the secondary containment system designed, installed and operated to prevent migration of wastes or accumulated liquid out of the system at any time? Yes No N/A				
	Is the secondary containment system capable of detecting and collecting releases and accumulated liquids until the collected material is removed?				
	Yes No N/A				
(725.293(c))	To meet the requirements of Subsection (b), is the secondary containment system: 1) compatible with the waste(s) in the tank and of sufficient strength and thickness to prevent failure? Yes	·			
	placed on a foundation or base capable of providing support, providing resistance to pressure gradients and preventing failure due to settlement, compression of uplift? Yes No N/A				
	3) provided with a leak detection system designed and operated to detect any release or accumulated liquid within 24 hours?				
	Yes No N/A 4) sloped or otherwise designed or operated to drain and remove liquids resulting from leaks, spills or precipitation?				
	Yes No N/A				
	and is spilled or leaked waste and accumulated precipitation removed from the secondary containment				
	within 24 hours? Yes No N/A				
	Note: A RCRA permit may allow for removal of liquids less frequently than 24 hours after accumulation.				
(725.293(d))	Does the secondary containment for tanks have one or more of the following: 1) a liner (external to the tank); or 2) a vault; or 3) a double-walled tank; or	**************************************			
•	4) an equivalent device (approved by the Board)?				
	Yes No N/A				
(725.293(e))	Does the external liner system(s), vault system(s) and/or double-walled tank(s) meet the additional requirements identified in Section 725.293(e)?				
	Yes No N/A				

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(725.293(f))	Is ancillary equipment protected by secondary containment that meets the requirement of Subsection (h) and					
3	(c)?		Yes	No	N/A	
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Ì	If "No": 1)	Is aboveground piping (exclusive of f	langes, joints, valves Yes	s and connections) in No	spected daily?	
	2)	Are welded flanges, joints and connec	ctions inspected daily	y?		
	3)	Are sealless or magnetic coupling pur	Yes nps and sealless valv	No es inspected daily?	N/A	
	4)	Are pressurized aboveground piping s	Yessystems with automa	Notic shut-off devices it	N/Ainspected daily?	
	ĺ			No	N/A	
(725.293(i))		ch time as secondary containment is pro	ovided, are the follow	wing requirements b	eing met for all tank	
	systems:	For non-enterable underground tanks, 725.291(b)(5) been conducted?	, has an annual leak t	test that meets the re	quirements of	
			Yes	No	N/A	
	2)	For other than non-enterable underground internal inspection or other tank integral.				
	3)	Are written records maintained at the				
		Subsections (i)(1) and (i)(2)?	Yes	. No	N/A	
	Note:	If a tank system is found to be leaking owner/operator must comply with Se		result of a leak test	or assessment, the	
(725.294(a))		owner/operator placed hazardous waste		nts in the tank syster	n that could cause the	
•	system t	o rupture, leak, corrode or otherwise fa	il? Yes	No	N/A	
(725.294(b))	Do tank	s and secondary containment have appr	opriate controls and	practices to prevent	spills and overflows	
	1)	spill prevention controls?	Vas	No	N/A	
	2)	overfill prevention controls?	Yes	No		
	3)	sufficient freeboard in uncovered tank	Yes rs?	No	N/A	
			Yes	No	N/A	
(725.294(c))	Note:	If a leak or spill has occurred in the tarequirements of Section 725.296.	nk system, the owne	er/operator shall com	ply with the	
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(725.295(a))	Does the	e owner/operator inspect, if present, at I overfill/spill control equipment?	east each operating	day, the following:		
	2)	the aboveground portion of the tank s	Yes	No or releases?	N/A	
			Yes	No	N/A	
	3)	data from monitoring equipment?	Yes	No	N/A	:
	4)	the construction materials and the are	a immediately surrou Yes	unding the external p	oortion of the system? N/A	
(725.295(b))		nk system has cathodic protection, is the y are functioning properly?	e owner/operator co	mplying with Sectio	n 725.295(b) to ensure	N _N
		and remonstrated by a barry.	Yes	No	N/A	
(725,295(c))		e owner/operator document in the opera 725.295(a) and (b)?	nting record, the resu	ılts of tank inspectio	ns as required in	
•			Yes	No	N/A	

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(725.296)	If the tank system or secondary containment system has a leak or spill or is unfit for use, has the owner/operator:			
	a) immediately ceased using; prevented flow or addition of waste and inspected the system to determine the cause of the release?			
	Yes No N/A			
	b) removed applicable waste from the system within 24 hours of detection? Yes No N/A			
	c) immediately conducted a visual inspection of the release and taken actions to contain visible releases to the environment, prevented further migration to soils or surface water and removed and properly disposed of any contaminated soil or water?			
	Yes No N/A			
(725.296(d))	d) notified the Agency within 24 hours of detection of release?	·		
	Yes No N/A d)3) within 30 days of detection of release, submitted a report to the Agency that complies with the requirements of Section 725.296(d)(3)?			
	Yes No N/A			
	Note: Notification and reports are not necessary if less than 1 pound of material is spilled and it was immediately contained and cleaned up.			
(725.296(e))	e) repaired the tank system prior to returning the tank system to service in the event that a leak has occurred from the primary tank system into the secondary containment system? Yes N/A			
	e)4) provided secondary containment before returning a tank system to service in the event that the release was from a component of a tank system without secondary containment?			
·	e)4) met the requirements for a new tank system in the event that a component is replaced during repair? Yes No N/A			
	e)4) provided the entire component with secondary containment prior to being returned to use in the event that a leak has occurred in any portion of a component that is not readily accessible for visual inspection?			
	Yes No N/A			
(725.296(f))	f) In the event that an extensive repair has been conducted in accordance with subsection (e), submitted to the Agency within 7 days after returning the tank system to use, a certification by an IRPE stating that the repaired system is capable of handling hazardous wastes without release for the intended life of the system?			
	Yes NoN/A			
	Note: If the owner/operator does not satisfy the requirements of subsections (e)(2) through (e)(4), the tank system must be closed in accordance with Section 725.297.			
(725.297(a))	At the time of closure of a tank system, has the owner/operator removed or decontaminated all waste residues, contaminated components, contaminated soils and structures and equipment and managed them as hazardous waste [unless Section 721.103(d) applies]?			
	Yes No N/A			
(725.297(a))	Have the closure plan, closure activities, cost estimates for closure and financial responsibility for tank systems met all requirements specified in Subparts G and H?			
	Yes No N/A	N.		
(725.297(b))	If the tank system cannot be "clean" closed, has the owner/operator closed the tank system and performed post-closure care in accordance with the closure and post-closure care requirements that apply to landfills (Section 725.410)?			
	Yes No N/A	The state of the s		
	Note: Such a tank system is considered a landfill and must meet all of the requirements of landfills specified in Subparts G and H.			

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(725.298(a))	Are ignitable or reactive wastes placed in a tank	system? Yes	No	N/A	
	If "No", skip to Section 725.299.				
,	Is the waste treated, rendered or mixed before or the resulting waste, mixture or dissolve				
	- Section 725.117(b) is complied with?	Yes	No	N/A	
	or Is the waste accumulated or treated so that it is a ignition or reaction?				
	or Is the tank used solely for emergencies?	Yes	No	N/A N/A	
(725.298(b))	Is the facility complying with the requirements r waste management area and any public ways, str	egarding maintena		ances between the	
(725.299)	Are incompatible wastes/materials placed in the		No	N/A	
	If "No", skip to Section 725.300.				
	Is Section 725.117(b) being complied with?	Yes	No	\N/A	
	Has the tank system been properly decontaminate Section 725.117(b) is complied with?			· A	
	COMMENTS:	Yes	No	N/A	
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(725.302)	Section 725.302 Air Emission Standards Is the owner or operator managing all hazardous and CC of Part 725?		nks in accordance w	ith Subparts AA, BB	
	and CC of Part 123!	Yes	No	N/A	
	Comments:				

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(725.131)	SUBPART C: PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION				
(,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Is the facility being operated and maintained to minimize the possibility of a fire, explosion or any release of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents which could threaten human health or the environment? Yes				
(725.132)	Is the facility equipped with the following, if necessary: a) an internal communication or alarm system(s)?				
	Yes V No N/A b) a telephone or other device to summon emergency assistance from local authorities? Yes V No N/A				
	c) portable fire extinguishers, fire control equipment, spill control equipment and decontamination equipment?				
	Yes No N/A d) water at adequate volume and pressure for fire control? Yes No N/A				
(725.133)	Is the facility testing and maintaining communication/alarm system(s), fire protection equipment, spill control	·			
	equipment and decontamination equipment? Yes No N/A				
(725.134)	Where hazardous waste is being handled, do all employees have immediate access to an internal alarm or other emergency communication device?				
i.	b) If there is ever just one employee on the premises when the facility is operating, does he/she have immediate access to a device capable of summoning external emergency assistance? Yes				
(725.135)	Is the facility maintaining adequate aisle space? Yes No N/A				
(725.137)	Has the facility attempted to make the following arrangements, as appropriate, for the type of facility and waste: - arrangements with local emergency authorities (i.e. police and fire departments, other emergency				
	response agencies) to familiarize them with the layout of the facility, properties of hazardous waste handled, places where facility personnel would be working, entrances to roads inside the facility and evacuation routes?				
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	Yes No N/A - agreements with State emergency response teams, contractors and equipment suppliers? Yes No N/A				
	- arrangements to familiarize local hospitals with the properties of hazardous waste handled at the facility and the type of injuries or illnesses which could result from fires, explosions or releases at the facility?				
	Yes No N/A				
	SUBPART D: CONTINGENCY PLAN AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES				
(725.151(a))	Is the contingency plan available? Yes No N/A				
	If "No", skip to Section 725.155. Is the plan designed to protect human health and the environment from releases to the air, soil and water? Yes No N/A				
(725.151(b))	Has there been a fire, explosion or release of hazardous waste? Yes No N/A	·			
	If "Yes", has the contingency plan been carried out immediately? Yes No N/A				
(725.152(a))	Does the plan describe the actions required for response to / - fires? Yes \(\frac{1}{2} \) No N/A				
	- explosions? Yes V No N/A - releases? Yes No N/A				

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Regulation	RCRA GENERATOR INSPECTION CHECKLIST (PART 722)	Violation
(725.116(a))	Section 725.116 Personnel Training Does the facility have a training program?	
	Have facility personnel successfully completed a program of classroom or on-the-job training that teaches them to perform their duties in a way that ensures the facility's compliance with the requirements of Part 725?	
	Yes No N/A	
•	Is the program directed by a person trained in hazardous waste management procedures? Yes No No N/A	
	Does the program teach facility personnel hazardous waste management procedures (including contingency plan implementation) relevant to the positions in which they are employed? Yes No N/A	
	Does the program cover, at a minimum: - procedures to familiarize facility personnel with emergency procedures, emergency equipment and emergency systems?	
	Yes No N/A - procedures for using, inspecting, repairing and replacing facility emergency and monitoring	
	equipment? Yes No N/A	
	- key parameters for automatic waste feed cut-off systems? Yes \(\sum \ No \(\) \(N/A \)	
	- communications or alarm systems? Yes No N/A	
	- response to fire or explosions? Yes No N/A	·
	- response to groundwater contamination incidents? Yes No N/A	
	- shutdown of operations? Yes No N/A	
(725.116(b))	Have new employees completed the program within 6 months of the date of employment or assignment to a position requiring them to manage hazardous waste?	
	YesV No N/A	
(725.116(c))	Have facility personnel received an annual review of the initial training? Yes No N/A	-
(725.116(d))	Are the following documents and records being maintained at the facility: 1) the job title for each position related to hazardous waste management and the name(s) of the employee(s) filling each job? Yes No N/A	
	2) a written job description for each position above, including the requisite skill, education or other qualifications and duties of personnel assigned to each position?	
	Yes No V N/A	
	Yes No V N/A	
	Yes No N/A	
(725.116(e))	Is the facility maintaining training records until closure of the facility and those of former employees for at least 3 years from the last date of employment?	
	Yes No N/A	

Regulation	RCRA GENERATOR INSPECTION CHECKLIST (PART 722)						
(728.107(a)(5))	Section 728.107 Waste Analysis and Recordkeeping Has the generator who treats a prohibited waste in tanks or containers in order to meet the treatment standards developed and followed a waste analysis plan? Yes No N/A						
	Is the plan on-site? Yes No N/A Does the plan include a detailed physical and chemical analysis?						
	Yes V No N/A Has the plan been filed with the Agency at least 30 days prior to commencement of treatment activity?	:					
	Yes No N/A						
	Has the generator submitted the required notification and certification that the waste meets treatment standards when the waste is shipped off-site?						
	Yes No N/A						
722.134(c)	Section 722.134 Satellite Accumulation Is the generator who accumulates hazardous waste at or near any point of generation where wastes initially accumulate and which is under the control of the operator of the process generating the waste, limiting such accumulation to 55 gallons of hazardous waste or 1 quart of acutely hazardous waste, complying with Sections 725.271, 725.272 and 725.273(a), and marking the containers with the words "Hazardous Waste" or other words identifying the contents?						
	Yes No N/A Has the generator who accumulates more than 55 gallons of hazardous waste or 1 quart of acutely hazardous waste complied with the requirements of Section 722.134(a) within 3 working days? Yes \(\sqrt{No} \) N/A						
	If there are more than 55 gallons of hazardous waste or 1 quart of acutely hazardous waste in the satellite accumulation area, are the containers marked with the date accumulation began? Yes No N/A						
	During the 3 day period, is the generator continuing to comply with the requirements of Section 722.134(c)(1) with respect to the excess waste? Yes No N/A						
722.134(g)	Note: A generator that generates 1,000 kilograms or greater of hazardous waste per calendar month which also generates wastewater treatment sludges from electroplating operations that meet the listing description for the hazardous waste code F006 may have alternate accumulation requirements if the conditions of 722.134(g), (h), or (i) are fulfilled. SUBPART D: RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING						
722.140(a)	Section 722.140 Recordkeeping Has the generator retained for a period of 3 years: - a copy of each signed manifest?						
	Yes No N/A	722.140(a)					
722.140(b)	Has the generator retained a copy of each Annual Report and Exception Report for a period of at least three years from the due date of the report (March 1)?						
	YesV No N/A	722.140(b)					
722.140(c)	Has the generator retained for a period of 3 years: - copies of test results, waste analyses or other determinations made in accordance with Section 722.111?	•					
	Yes No N/A	722.140(c)					
722,140(d)	Does a generator who is involved in any unresolved enforcement action or as requested by the Director continue to maintain the records required in subsections a) and c)? Yes No N/A						
	Yes No N/A	722.140(d)					
722.141(a)	Section 722.141 Annual Reporting Has the generator who ships hazardous waste off-site for treatment, storage or disposal filed an annual report with the Agency by March 1 for the preceding calendar year?						
	Yes_\ No N/A	722.141(a)					
	Note: If "No", or if deficiencies are noted with the annual report reviewed, contact the Planning and Reporting Section.	` '					

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722.141(b)	Has the generator who treats, stores or disposes of hazardous waste on-site, filed an annual report with the Agency by March 1 for the preceding calendar year?	,					
	Yes No N/A	722.141(b)					
722.142(a)(1)	Section 722.142 Exception Reporting If the generator has not received a copy of the manifest from the TSD facility within 35 days of the date of delivery to the transporter, has the generator contacted the transporter or the TSD facility to determine the status of the hazardous waste?						
	Yes No N/A	722.142(a)(1)					
722.142(a)(2)	If the generator has not received a copy of the signed manifest within 45 days of the date of delivery to the transporter, has he filed an exception report with the Agency in accordance with the requirements of this Section?						
	Yes No N/A	722.142(a)(2)					
722.143	Section 722.143 Additional Reporting Has the generator furnished additional reports as required by the Director?						
	Yes No N/A	722.143					
	SUBPART E: EXPORTS OF HAZARDOUS WASTE						
722.150	Is the generator an exporter of hazardous waste? YesNoN/A						
	If "Yes", has the generator complied with the requirements of Subpart E? Yes No N/A	722.150					
	SUBPART F: IMPORTS OF HAZARDOUS WASTE						
722.160	Is the generator an importer of hazardous waste? YesNoN/A						
	If "Yes", has the generator complied with the requirements of Subpart F? Yes No N/A	722.160					
	SUBPART G: FARMERS						
722.170	Is the generator a farmer? Yes No N/A						
	If "Yes", has the generator complied with the requirements of Subpart G? Yes No N/A	722.170					
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UNITED STATES E.SNVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONAGENCY **REGION 5** 77 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604

COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION REPORT

INSTALLATION NAME: V	almont Coatings,	Inc. – Empire	Galvanizing Plant
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ILD 070 012 265 U.S. EPA ID. No.:

10909 Franklin Avenue **LOCATION ADDRESS:**

Franklin Park, Illinois 60131

February 11, 2015 DATE OF INSPECITON:

U.S. EPA INSPECTOR: Sheila Burrus

PREPARED BY:

Environmental Protection Specialist

REVIEWED BY: Michael Cunningham, Chief

Compliance Section 1

RCRA Branch

Land and Chemicals Division

Date:

Purpose of Inspection

The purpose of the inspection was to conduct an unannounced compliance evaluation inspection (CEI) at Valmont Coatings, Inc. – Empire Galvanizing (Valmont Coatings), located at 10909 Franklin Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois, to evaluate Valmont Coatings compliance with certain provisions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); specifically those regulations related to the management of hazardous waste and used oil.

<u>Participants</u>: Michael Small, Operations Manager, Roger Tambling, General Manager, Anup Ruia, Director of Lean, Jerry Hill, Continuous Improvement Manager and Carol Belpedio, Accounting Manager represented Valmont Coatings. Sheila Burrus represented EPA Region 5.

Installation Description/Background

Valmont Coatings is a hot dip zinc custom galvanizing facility. Product types includes pipe and fabricated products. The products requiring galvanizing go through a series of caustic, acid, rinse and galvanizing dips. The facility uses an acid reclamation system to remove impurities from sulfuric acid used in the galvanizing process and then returns the reclaimed acid back to the process tank. Valmont Coatings has two active galvanizing lines which consists of a pickle line for the processing of large parts (poles) and a spin line for the processing of small parts (nuts/bolts). There also is a kettle line for dipping (coating) steel product into zinc. Some of its customers are Eaton Corporation, Atkore Corporation and General Sheet Metal.

Valmont Coatings' 90-day hazardous waste storage area is located on the northwest side of the building. Valmont Coatings has satellite accumulation areas located within the spin line, pickle line and clean-in-stack areas. Valmont Coatings' last hazardous waste shipment was on February 11, 2014.

Valmont Coatings was last inspected by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on November 29, 2010

A review of hazardous waste manifests and waste volume on-site indicates that Valmont Coatings has been operating as a large quantity generator.

Waste Generation

The facility generates process sludge (D002/D005/D007), acid tank sludge (D002), caustics sludge (D002), ink solvent, flux tank sludge (D005) and bright galvanizing liquid (D001).

The process sludge (D002, D005, and D007) is generated from cleanout of solids from the bottom of various tanks in the galvanizing process. The acid tank sludge (D002) is generated from cleanout of solids from the bottom of the acid dip tank in the galvanizing operation. The caustics sludge (D002) is generated from cleanout of solids from the bottom of the caustic dip tank in galvanizing operation. The ink solvent is generated from cleaning the ink jet printer. The flux tank sludge (D005) is generated from cleanout of solids from the bottom of the flux dip tank. The bright galvanizing waste flammable liquid (D001) is generated from the draining of aerosol cans.

Valmont Coatings generates used oil from maintenance operations. Universal waste lamps are also generated on-site.

Opening Conference

I arrived at Valmont Coating at 8:30 a.m. on February 11, 2015. I introduced myself to the receptionist who contacted Michael Small. I presented my enforcement officer credentials to Mr. Small and explained to him the purpose of my visit. I was then escorted to a conference room where I began to explain that I would be conducting a CEI that included a visual site inspection (VSI) and records review. I then proceeded to conduct the opening conference by explaining to him what specific records I would need to review. We were then joined by Roger Tambling. Mr. Small left the meeting for approximately 10 minutes before returning with Jerry Hall.

I informed Mr. Tambling during Mr. Small absence that Valmont coatings could claim any information gathered during the inspection as Confidential Business Information (CBI) including: verbal communication, documents and photographs. Valmont Coatings did not make a CBI claim on the information gathered during the inspection.

I asked Messrs. Small, Tambling and Hall for a brief description of the type of work done at this installation and the types of wastes generated. They began to provide background and waste stream information about Valmont Coatings which is included above in the installation description/background section of this report.

I provided a Small Business Resource Information Sheet, the U.S. EPA – Region 5 Pollution Prevention State Contact list, Illinois Sustainable Technical Center Brochure and the U.S. EPA Managing Used Oil Advice for Small Business brochure to Mr. Roger Tambling.

We were joined by Anup Ruia and then later by Carol Belpedio. I continued the opening conference by asking who picks up Valmont Coatings' hazardous waste, used oil and universal waste. Mr. Ruia indicated that Univar USA, Inc. located in Bedford Park, Illinois or Thunderbird Trucking, LLC. located in East Chicago, Illinois is responsible for picking up its hazardous waste, used oil and universal waste lamps and transporting to Tradebe Environmental Services, LLC located in Gary, Indiana, for recycling and disposal.

I began the CEI by conducting the visual site portion of the inspection.

Visual Site Inspection

I was accompanied by Messrs. Ruia, Small and Tambling during the VSI. The areas of the Valmont Coating facility inspected include, but were not limited to: staging area, 90-day hazardous waste storage area, kettle line, galvanizing spin line, galvanizing pickle line, zinc storage area, hot-end wire cage area, clean-in-stack area and maintenance room.

The following is a summary of information obtained while touring the facility.

- There were two closed/labeled 55-gallon satellite accumulation containers of hazardous waste acid tank sludge located at the galvanizing pickle line (Photographs 1-3). Neither of the containers were marked with an accumulation start date. I informed Mr. Ruia that the satellite accumulation area contained greater than 55-gallons of hazardous waste. At the time of the inspection, Mr. Ruia had an employee mark one of the 55-gallon containers of acid waste with an accumulation start date and move the container immediately to the 90-day hazardous waste storage area.
- There were three closed/labeled 55-gallon satellite accumulation containers of acid tank sludge and two 1-cubic yard tote bags of process sludge located in the 90-day hazardous waste storage area (Photographs 4-5).
- There was a closed/labeled 55-gallon satellite accumulation container of floor sweepings located west side of the building (Photograph 6).
- There was one closed/labeled 55-gallon satellite accumulation container of process sludge/floor sweepings and one container of product (small parts) near the spin line (Photographs 7-8)
- There was a closed/labeled 55-gallon satellite accumulation container of bright galvanizing liquid (waste flammable liquid) located in the clean-instack area (Photographs 9-10).
- There was one closed/labeled 55-gallon satellite accumulation container of ink solvent and product located in the clean-in-stack area (Photographs 11-13).
- There was one closed/labeled container of waste lamps located next to the maintenance shop (Photograph 14).
- There was one closed/labeled 55-gallon drum of used oil located in the maintenance shop (Photograph 15).
- Additional photographs of the numerous departments throughout the facility (Photographs 16-22).

Records Review

For the records review, I requested the most current hazardous waste contingency plan, hazardous waste manifests, land disposal restriction forms, waste analysis data, hazardous waste training records, annual reports and weekly inspection logs for the 90-hazardous waste storage areas.

Contingency Plan

I reviewed Valmont Coatings Release Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan dated August 2014, and found it to be complete.

Valmont Coatings was unable to provide documentation showing that a copy of the RPCC plan had been sent to police department and hospital.

Weekly Inspections Logs

Carol Belpedio stated that weekly inspections are conducted in the 90-day hazardous waste storage area. Valmont Coatings started documenting inspections in the year 2014.

Training Records/Job Description

Valmont Coatings was unable to provide job title, a written description for each position and a written description of the type and amount of introductory and continuing training given to employees with duties related to hazardous waste management.

I reviewed waste analysis, annual reports and land disposal restriction forms. Valmont Coatings is properly maintaining these records on site as required for large quantity generators.

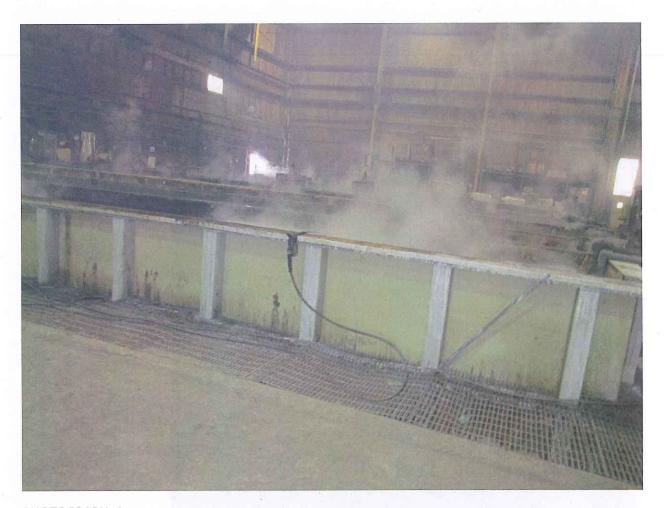
In walking through the Valmont Coatings facility, I observed the presence of fire extinguishers and eye wash stations.

Closing Conference

In closing, a brief exit conference was held. I summarized where Messrs. Ruia, Small and Tambling had taken me during the VSI and what information was presented to me. I thanked everyone in attendance for their cooperation and concluded the CEI at approximately 1:35 p.m.

Attachments

Inspection Checklist Photographs 1 through 22



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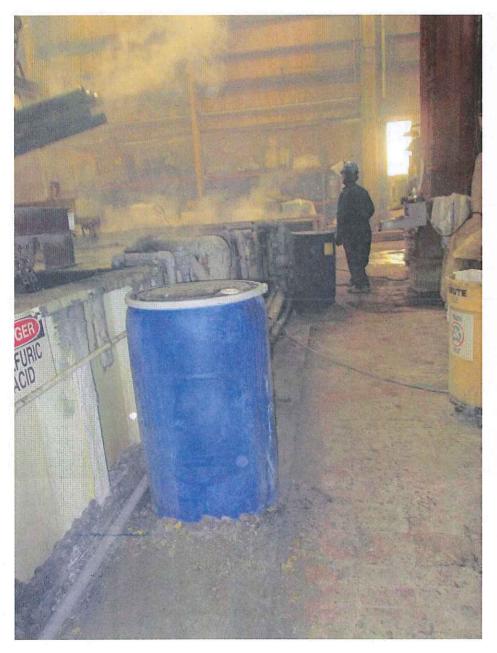
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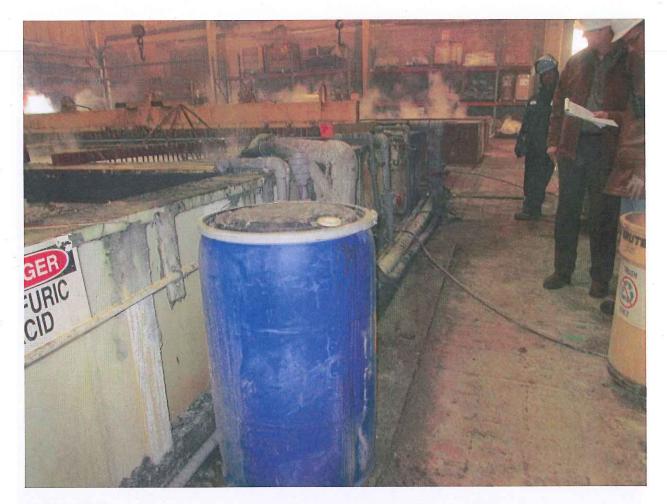
two closed/labeled 55-gallon satellite accumulation

containers of acid tank sludge

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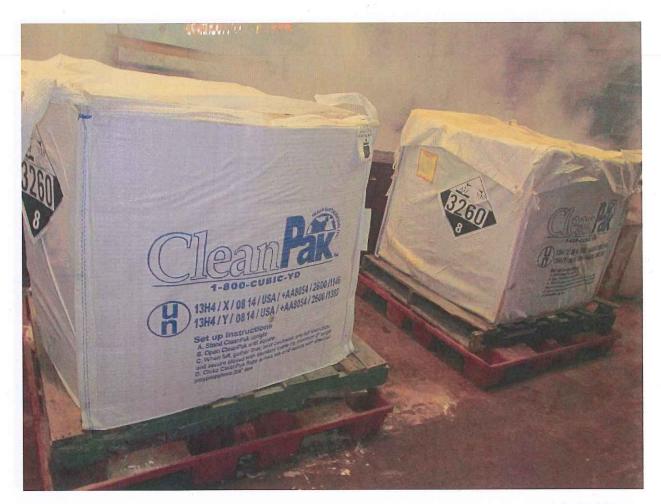
closed/labeled three, 55-gallon containers of acid tank

sludge

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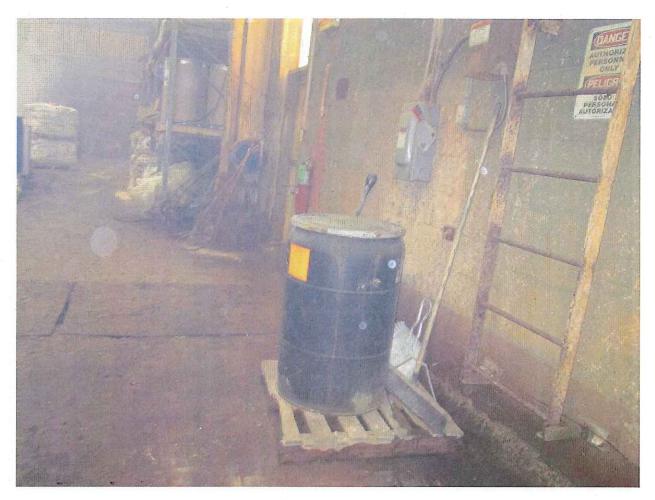
two closed/labeled 1-cubic yard tote bags of acid tank

sludge/sweepings

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West End of Building

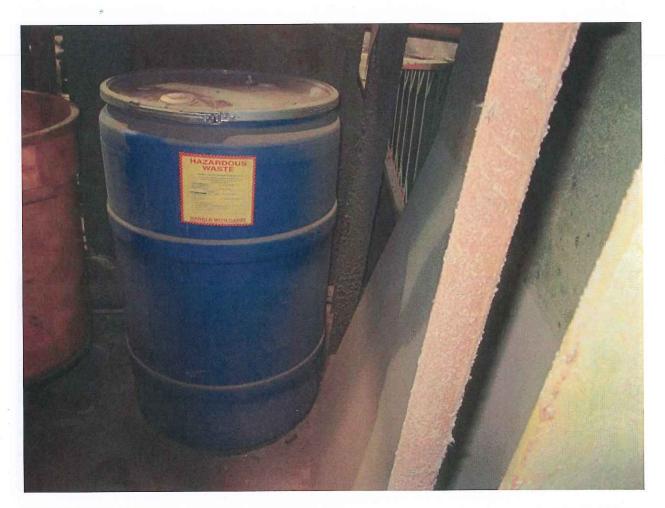
closed/labeled 55-gallon container of hazardous waste

floor sweepings

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Spin line

closed/labeled 55-gallon satellite accumulation

container of process sludge/floor sweepings

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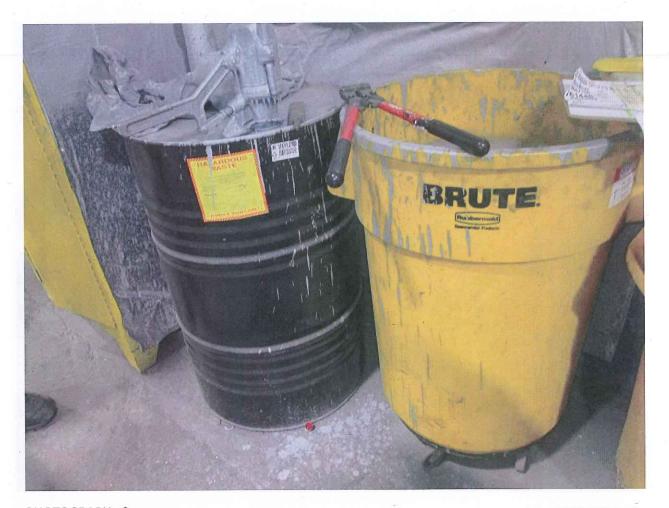
near spin line

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Clean-in-Stack Area

closed/labeled 55-gallon satellite accumulation

container of bright galvanizing liquid waste from

the draining of aerosol cans

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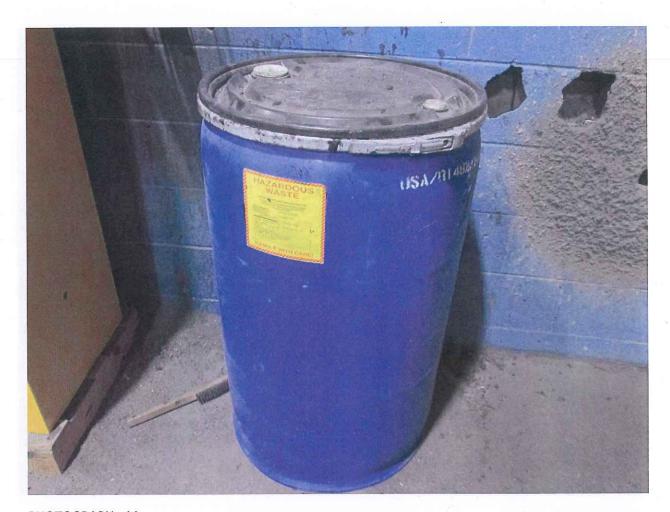
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extruded aerosol cans

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closed/labeled 55-gallon container of waste ink

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near maintenance room

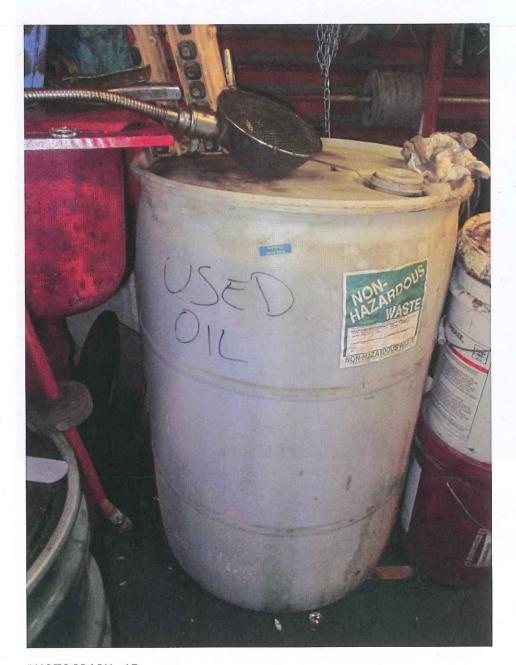
closed/labeled container of universal waste lamps

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Maintenance Room

closed/labeled 55-gallon drum of used oil

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incoming product (couplers)

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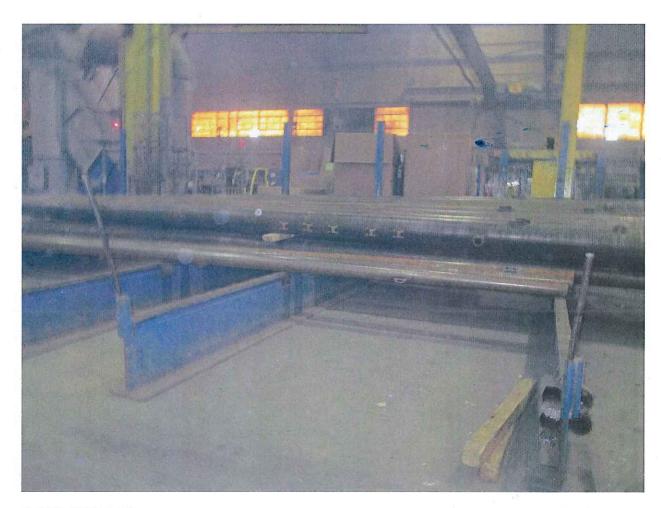
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Staging Area

product (poles)

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kettle line

poles dipped in zinc

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Outdoors (near baghouse)

container of non-hazardous waste filter cake sludge

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Outdoors (Baghouse)

two 55-gallon containers of non-hazardous waste dust

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